# Consider: Gen 1, Rom 7, Mk 7, 1 Jn 9, Cor 7:1

Mankind has a problem, it is called sin. Christians have a problem, it is called sin. But...but, didn't Jesus' death on the cross take care of sin? It is time for a reality check. Have you noticed a lack of sin in the Christian community recently? Paul also noticed the problem in 2Cor 7:1ff. Many Christians believe that when they invite Jesus into their lives and are born again, that they are then without sin. That is a critical misunderstanding of the sin transaction between God and man that took place on the cross.

#### The Penalty and the Problem

Jesus' death on the cross took care of the <u>penalty for sin;</u> the wrath of a righteous God in His judgment for sin; it



did not take care of the <u>problem of sin</u> in our lives as we walk on this earth. The problem of sin is illustrated by Paul in Romans 7 and Jesus in Mark 7. It is clear from these two passages that there is a problem with sin that dwells inside of man. That problem is a being, a presence that is Satan, the enemy of God, that dwells in the spirit of man. To understand sin, it is helpful to understand what happened in the Garden of Eden. Here is the short version.

#### Chaos upon the Earth and Re-creation

At the very beginning of Genesis, we see chaos over the whole earth. God did not create chaos; it was caused by the fall of Satan when he was cast out of heaven for his rebellion against God. In the subsequent re-creation of the planet, described in Gen 1:2ff, God brings order out of that chaos and then places in it a garden called the Garden of Eden. This garden was His re-establishment of His Kingdom, The Kingdom of God, here on earth.

### The Two Trees and the Creation of Man in God's Image



In the midst of the garden, as part of this re-creation, He put two trees, the tree of Life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then God created man. In Genesis 1:26-27 it says, "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." God made man (male and female) in his own image." The word "Image" in Hebrew, גלם, tseh'-lem,, is a masculine noun that can rightfully be translated as "**shadow**." The meaning of the word is "A form without substance, an imperfect and faint representation of the real thing." God created us as an unrealized potential, a shadow that has the potential of becoming something more, something real – as He is Real.

# Adam's Two Lives in Creation

A further description of the re-creation is found in Gen 2:7, "... then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Looking closely at the phrase, "breath of life" in Hebrew reveals that the word "life" is not singular, it is plural; it is "lives."

In Hebrew the word is דיימָ – not היימָ.

What does this mean? It means that God breathed into man more than one type of life. He breathed into man both

God's Life and self-life; היה and נפש .

Adam was created with two lives, his own and also the Life of God indwelling.



## God's Eternal Purpose in the Creation of Man

What was God's eternal purpose in Adam's creation? Adam and Eve were to walk with their Heavenly Father in the Garden in the cool of the evening and eat of the Tree of Life, and through that nourishment of the Tree of Life and the intimate relationship with God they were to be changed (grown up) into the very likeness of God the Son, Jesus.

### God's Warning

God invites Adam and Eve to partake of all of creation in the garden, except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned them that "... on the very day that you eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you will die." Satan was already in the Garden. He tempted them and they ate of the forbidden tree; a declaration of independence from God. This was not a surprise to God, He did not rush off to the file cabinet to get "Plan B." He had already made provision for this situation in His Son, Jesus. Mankind must wait, however, for a while. The Scriptures say that, "In the fullness of time Jesus died for the sins of man.."

# Spiritual Death of Adam and Eve

However, there was a penalty for their rebellion, their sin. On that very day they did die – God removed His life from them and Satan (sin) entered in. Immediately in their lives they had fear, anxiety, stress, rejection, anger, pride, independence, resentment, bitterness, trauma, broken hearts, etc. etc. – all the markers of sin.

# God Removes the Consequences of sin, but not the Problem of sin.

Jesus' death on the cross removed the consequence of sin which was our eternal separation from God and it opened the path to forgiveness. Jesus took the full sin of mankind upon Himself. In so doing He removed the barrier to our being forgiven by His Father and He removed the barrier to our receiving the Spirit of God to come and again indwell us. Now God can again enter into the spirit of man – a process called being born again or being born from on high.

After the Resurrection, Jesus breathed on His disciples and commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit. This "born again" experience again placed God's Spirit into Man's spirit when invited. However His Life and His forgiveness must be appropriated by the person. Each person must invite Jesus Christ to come and to dwell in them . Each person must also ask and receive His forgiveness for the sin in their life. Neither His life indwelling nor His forgiveness happen automatically.

#### Satan Continues to Dwell in the Spirit of Man

It is important to realize that the evil one (Satan) was never removed from the spirit of man; every person born on the earth is born spiritually dead and has the evil one indwelling. This indwelling presence of Satan and his minions is the sin problem that must be dealt with.

### God deals with the Problem of sin Indwelling.

What is Restoration Ministry? It is a ministry where the person cooperates with the Spirit of God to remove individual indwelling spirits and to remove the effects that they have brought into that person's life.

The Scripture tells us that our Heavenly Father knew us even before the foundations of the world. That person that God saw did not have the sins of fear, anxiety, stress, rejection, anger, resentment, bitterness, trauma, broken hearts, etc.. in them. When God saw us before the foundations of the earth, we were perfect in Christ Jesus. However, at birth we find that sin is present in our lives. This is the sin that comes down from the former generations, called intergenerational sin. This sin is an addition to our life and comes from the kingdom of the enemy. It is the direct result of the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden.

While Jesus' death on the cross took care of the <u>penalty for sin</u>; that is the wrath of a righteous God in His judgment for sin; it did not take care of the <u>problem of sin</u> in our lives as we walk on this earth. It still needs to be dealt with.

#### The If – Then of Restoration

In 1 John 1:8-9 the Scripture says, "... If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." By the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, these spirits of the evil one can be removed and the damage that they have done, healed. This is the ministry of Restoration. Many of the Ministry Sheets available on this website deal with Restoration.

#### The process of Restoration:

- Recognize the indwelling presence of the enemy.
- Take Responsibility for that presence.
- Renounce and Repent for cooperating with that enemy of God.
- Receive God's forgiveness.
- Remove the enemy and the curse of his presence.
- Restore and heal the place the enemy has damaged.
- Resist the enemy's continuing effort to re-enter.
- Rejoice in the newfound freedom in life.

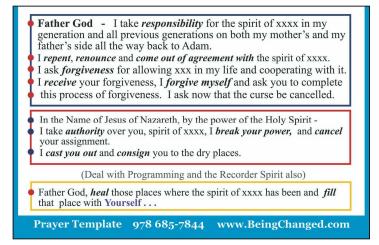
Consider for your own reading and prayer time... Rom 7, Mk 7, 1Jn 9 and 2Cor 7:1 A good source for the Hebrew exegesis is "*Earth's Earliest Ages*" by Pember. Further information on forgiveness is available in the book "3D and the Nesses" and in the Forgiveness Ministry Sheet, both available on this website.

# The R's to Restoration and the Blue Card

Using the "blue card" as a ministry template the R's to freedom as outlined in this pamphlet will lead you through a process that will assist you in Restoration, your recovering your freedom in Christ Jesus.

## The Blue Card

This is a four by six inch card which can be carried around in your pocket or purse and used all day every day, as often as necessary, as a template to gain your own freedom as the Holy Spirit brings items to mind for you to deal with; it is also very helpful as you minister to others. There will be more on the blue card later in this ministry sheet.



# The Rs

# <u>1) Relationship</u>

Consider James 4:7-10 and Isaiah 5:13ff.

All the R's we will be discussing in this ministry sheet begin with, and depend on a Relationship with Father God. The R's do not work without this relationship. When participating in this ministry, engage your heart with Father God heart and allow Him to do the ministry in His way, in His timing and in His power.

Foundational to establishing, recovering or improving your relationship with God is:

- Inviting Jesus Christ into your life,
- > Confessing and repenting of your sin
- Receiving the empowering of the Holy Spirit,
- Being water baptized,
- Being engaged regularly in praise and worship, Scripture reading and prayer,
- > Spending time with Him and being available to Him,
- > Obeying Him and putting Him first in all things.



### <u>2) Recognize</u>

Consider: Eph 6:12, Rom 7 and 1Cor 1, Ps 139:23-24, Heb 4:13, Jam 1:5.

Recognize is the second R. Your freedom begins with the recognition that you have sin in your life and specifically what that sin is. Consider: sin is a disembodied spirit being from the invisible kingdom of Satan who is dedicated to establishing the kingdom of the enemy in your life and destroying the kingdom of God in your life. Your sin is in cooperating with that spirit being, allowing it into your life and allowing it to influence the way your life is lived.

How do you recognize sin in your life? In 1Cor 12, the scripture, while listing the nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit, speaks of "discerning spirits" by the power of God. One of the functions of the Holy Spirit is to show you the spiritual world, including spirits beings that are part of your life. Pay attention; when the Spirit of God speaks and brings the name of a spirit to mind or shows you one manifesting in your life, deal with it. As you are before the Lord, He will reveal the sin in your life. That is an "Ah-ha" moment. **You have recognized.** 

### <u>3) Responsibility</u>

Consider: Psa 51:3-4; and Exo 34:7.

Taking responsibility is next. Here you must take responsibility for the sin that you recognize - ultimately this includes everything that is not Gods will for your life. Taking responsibility means that you agree that this sin is your own; it's not Uncle Harry's problem or Mary Jane's problem, it is your problem.

This means that you do not have any excuses. When you take responsibility, it is important to also take responsibility for not only your generation, but for all previous generations to insure you stop the consequences of iniquity (inter-generational sin).

The first part of this ministry is a prayer to Father God. You state to Father God that you take responsibility for the sin of XX (fill in the blank with the sin you recognized above) in my generation and all previous generations on both sides of my family all the way back to Adam.

### <u>4) Renounce and Repent</u>

Consider Acts 3:19; Revelation 2:5,16,21-22; 3:3,19

Next you must renounce the sin and repent to Father God for that sin that you have recognized.

Renounce means that you come out agreement with that sin that is in your life. You state in your heart that you do not want anything to do with that sin. You agree that this sin is not you and you are not it.

Repent means that you turn your back on this sin and walk away from it with a Godgiven desire not to allow it back in. Ask God to give you a perfect hatred for that particular sin in your life. Here you are coming into agreement with God and coming out of agreement with the enemy of God.

# <u>5) Remove</u>

Ezekiel 18:30-32; John 3:16

The next is Remove. This is also called deliverance by the Christian community. sin is an evil spirit that is on assignment from the enemy's kingdom that seeks to manifest its nature in your life. It wants to live out its life through you, causing you to think its thoughts and act out its actions here in the world. This sin is not you; it is an evil spirit manifesting in your life. You, the real you, is the person whom God saw before the foundations of the earth; He knew the color of your eyes, the number of hairs on your head. You were made perfect in Him. Then the enemy entered in and you now manifest sin.

First, this is the place to cancel any intergenerational curse that has come down into your life from your forefather's iniquity. Simply ask Father God to cancel any curse relating to this sin that is present in your life.

Now remove and get rid of the spirit being in your life that is causing you to sin. Jesus Christ has given you the authority to cast out demons... even in your own life ... so do so!

Here you take authority over the spirit of XX (fill in the blank with the spirit you recognized earlier), cancel his assignment (to do you harm and manifest his life in you) and command him to leave. Allow Father God to witness to you its leaving. Command it to go into the "dry places" from whence it came.

# 6) Restore

This is the place to ask for and receive God's restoration; the healing Father God wants so desperately to give you. Ask Him to heal that place in your heart where the sin of XX has done so much damage, to restore it and make it whole - and to receive any other healing He has for you at this time, body, soul, and spirit.

Then it is important to ask Father God to fill that place where that spirit has been dwelling in your life... to fill it with something of Himself. Allow Him to show you what



He wants to put there... and then give Him permission to do so.

Have you ever noticed that after an argument you can remember every word and in see it all in living color? That is a recorder spirit whose job is to lead you into bitterness and separate you from that other person. **Remove it; it is a spirit**.

If you sense that the enemy has left programming behind in your life, ask Father God to cancel its affects.

## <u>7) Resist</u>

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Consider: James 1:14-15, James 4:7-9, Luke 11:24-26
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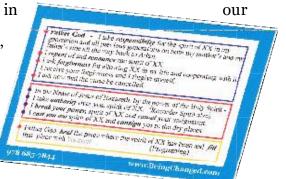
As you remove the enemy and his kingdom from your life using the R's in this ministry sheet, he will not be pleased and will attempt to return. The scripture exhorts us to "take every thought captive," taking the time to examine every thought and see if it is from the Lord or the enemy. If it is not of the Kingdom of Righteousness, resist it and reject it's returning to dwell in your life. It will tempt you and then accuse you, telling you that your being tempted is sin. It is not. At the point of temptation, reject the accuser and draw nigh unto God and rest there.

# The Blue Card

Realizing the importance of dealing with evil spirits in lives the moment the Holy Spirit causes us to "recognize" the enemy; we developed a small 4" x 6" card to be used as a prayer template that you can carry in your pocket or purse so it would be immediately available to you.

Let's say you have "recognized" an evil spirit in your life. Now it is time to deal with it using the little card. The blue card is divided into three sections:

- 1) Appropriation,
- 2) Deliverance and
- 3) Healing.



# <u>1)\_Appropriation</u>

In the first section of the card, you are appropriating the finished work of Jesus Christ. You begin with prayer, centering your heart on Father God. You then take responsibility for sin caused by this spirit in your life. Taking responsibility means that you agree that this is not Uncle Harry's problem or Mary Jane's problem, it is your problem. When you own the problem you can deal with it. Here you take responsibility not only for the sin in your own generation, but for all previous generations on both sides of your family tree and all the way back to Adam. This insures you deal with all the iniquity (intergenerational sin) in your family line way back to the beginning.

You begin, saying, "Father God, I take responsibility for the spirit of XX (fill in the blank with the sin you have recognized - i.e. the spirit of anger...) in my generation and all previous generations on both sides of my family all the way back to Adam.

Next you Renounce and Repent, saying, "Father God, I renounce and repent of this sin of XX in my life. I do not want it there; I come out of agreement with it and agree with you that it should not be part of my life. I turn my back on it and I reject it in my life."

Next you ask for forgiveness, saying, "Father God I ask forgiveness for the sin of XX in my life, for allowing it into my life and for allowing it to affect the way my life is being lived. Father, I receive your forgiveness and forgive myself."

Now you remove any intergenerational curse which has come down through the ages in your family tree by saying, "Father God, I ask now that you would cancel the curse that has come upon me."

Now that you have dealt with your part of the sin by appropriation the finished work of Jesus Christ, it is time to remove the spirit.

# <u>2) Deliverance</u>

Jesus Christ has given us power over the principalities and powers of this world. We use that power, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to remove the enemy and his influence on our lives. We speak directly to the spirit, saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (be sure you get this Jesus, the one of Nazareth), I take authority over you, spirit of XX. I cancel your assignment and plans for my life and command you to loose me, come out of me, up and out in the Name of Jesus, and go now into the dry places. You no longer have a place in my life." Command it until it leaves.

Now deal with any recorder spirit or programming spirit left behind. You say, "I take authority over you recorder spirit and programming spirit and command you also loose me, come up and out in the Name of Jesus, and be gone into the dry places."

# <u>3) Healing</u>

These spirits have done damage to your heart, separating you from Father God, yourself and other people in your life. Father God wants to heal that damage, so the next step is to give Him permission to do so. You say, "Father God, I ask that you heal that place in my heart where these spirits have done damage, and Father, I also ask that you would fill that place with YY (fill in the blank as the Holy Spirit shows you what Father God wants to put there), that I might be whole and complete in You." You ask Father to fill that place to make sure that place is filled to prevent the enemy from coming back and with seven



more of his kind to make you worse off than before.

The blue card is not a mantra, a formula or a magic spell to get something to happen in your life. It is just a simple template that God can use to lead you through the steps to come free and be made whole. Use it under his leading and go where He leads.